

opportunity of today's America. It is a gift so precious we can never repay them except by promising each other to never forget. God bless the men of the U.S.S. *Boise*, their families, and the United States of America.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. STARITA,  
RECIPIENT OF THE UNITED CER-  
EBRAL PALSY OF HUDSON COUN-  
TY "LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT"  
AWARD

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2001*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nick Starita, who will receive the

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) "Lifetime Achievement" Award on Saturday, May 5, 2001. Mr. Starita will receive his award at the 9th Annual Gala Dinner Dance, which is sponsored by the UCP of Hudson County, New Jersey. The Gala is an annual event that recognizes the contributions of distinguished individuals and their efforts to assist fellow community members with cerebral palsy.

Mr. Starita's involvement with the UCP began in 1973, when he joined the UCP Board of Directors. In 1985, as a result of years of hard work and dedication, his peers on the UCP Board appointed him to the position of Executive Director. During his tenure as Executive Director, Mr. Starita has increased the number of UCP therapy facilities from one to three. Through his efforts, Mr. Starita has helped the UCP vastly increase the number of

services and programs offered to children suffering from cerebral palsy.

His zeal and devotion to improving the lives of those who suffer from disabilities has earned Mr. Starita strong praise from a number of organizations and associations including the United Way of Hudson County, the A. Harry Moore School, and the Latin American Kiwanis Club of West New York. These honors, along with being a recipient of the UCP "Lifetime Achievement" Award speaks volumes about his strong character and dedication.

Today I ask that my colleagues join with me in recognizing Nick Starita for his many contributions to the community of Hudson County and to the State of New Jersey.